Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Tom Young has devoted his life to the betterment of his community, the teaching of life-long lessons to students of Mt. Vernon Public School, and the caring and sharing with family friends; and,

Whereas, Tom is a life-long citizen of Mt. Vernon, and his commitment to the community has gone beyond the call of duty; and,

Whereas, Tom has been a dedicated employee of the Mt. Vernon Public School for 31 years and the City Finance Officer with the city of Mt. Vernon for several years. Tom has served as the middle school math teacher, athletic director and school bus driver; and,

Whereas, Tom's contributions on behalf of the South Dakota Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association were recognized in his receipt of the Region Seven Athletic Director of the Year for 2004-2005; and,

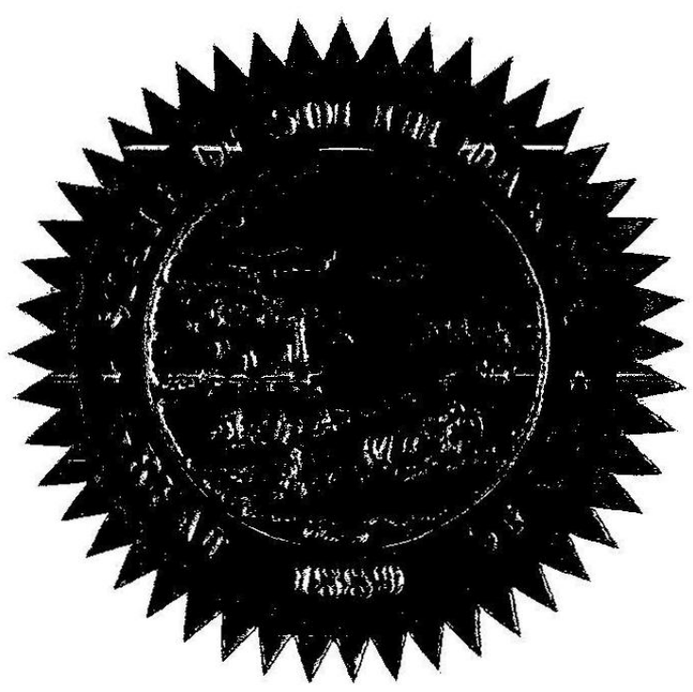
Whereas, On May 19, 2005, Tom was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and is being faced with the challenges that go along with this disease; and,

Whereas, Tom is facing life with faith, strength, courage and a strong will that one needs during such a challenging time. He has been an inspiration to his family and friends, who are hosting a benefit on June 18, 2005, at the Mt. Vernon Community Center to offer support and to recognize his leadership and commitment to the Mt. Vernon community:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 18, 2005, as

TOM YOUNG DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Second Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State